

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2005
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84118

Attendance:

Mayor Janice Auger

Council Members:

Chairman Russ Wall
Vice-Chairman Morris Pratt
Council Member Les Matsumura
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Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Don Adams, Economic Development Director
Virginia Loader, City Recorder
Robin Kishiyama, Council Coordinator
Larry Marx, Chief of Police

Excused: Council Member Bud Catlin

Others: Katie Larsen, Lohra Miller, Lorenzo Miller, Chief Don Berry, Salt Lake County Council Chair Michael Jensen, Brian Gale, Roger Tew, Ken DuVall, Dama Barbour, Brent and Kristie Overson, Genie Marshall, Ivy Wheeler, Dale Kehl

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

18:03:23 Chairman Russ Wall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to meet in Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real property at 6:03 p.m. Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Wall called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Wall-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-excused, Pratt-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

1. Closed Session: Strategy Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property

Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file.

Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Work Session at 6:15 p.m. Council Member Les Matsumura **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Wall called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Wall-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-excused, Pratt-yes. **All members of the City Council were in favor and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

18:17:53 Chairman Wall excused Council Member Bud Catlin.

2. Report of Budgetary Issues from the Unified Fire Authority – Don Berry

18:18:10 Chief Don Berry and Michael Jensen, of the Unified Fire Authority, led discussion on the following issues affecting the City's budget and UFA membership:

- **New formula for annual fees**

Chief Berry distributed a handout in regards to the evolution of Ladder Truck Service on the West Side of Salt Lake County. In summary, Chief Berry explained that Station 17 has a maximum of 5 firefighters per day. Station 18 has a maximum of 3 per day for a total of 8 per day. He further explained that their staffing formula requires 3.5 FTE's to staff one firefighter per day. (The average firefighter works 104 shifts per year. $365 \text{ days per year} / 104 = 3.5$). Therefore, $8 \text{ firefighters per day} \times 3.5 \text{ FTE's} = 28 \text{ FTE's}$ are required to staff Station 17 and 18. Taylorsville is currently paying for 25 FTE's, the District pays for 3 FTE's at Station 18 at \$102,402 each. He then recommended that Taylorsville consider funding the 3 FTE's on Truck 18 which the District is now funding.

- **Ambulance license/pending RFP** 18:41:11

- **Status of the "expulsion clause" in the Interlocal Agreement** 18:53:24

Chief Berry distributed a handout in regards to Section 21. Expulsion of Member of the UFA Interlocal Agreement. He explained that many entities concur that Section 21 should be removed from the UFA Agreement, which he said would allow that "...you would simply stay a member of the UFA in your current status for as long as you wish."

- **Future planning for expanded paramedic services** 18:58:30

Chief Berry said that it is his desire to have paramedics in both Stations 17 and 18 at some time.

Chief Berry and Michael Jensen addressed questions from the Council.

3. Discussion of Opticom – *Brian Gale*

18:59:40 Brian Gale, Station 18, presented information on the 3M Brand Opticom Traffic Preemptive Device. He discussed how Opticom works and discussed specific intersections in Taylorsville, along with some funding ideas. He submitted a sample ordinance for Opticom and a sample letter to the State of Utah detailing desire for Opticom improvements at City intersections.

Mr. Gale called for questions or comments from the Council.

Mr. Gale said that he would like Taylorsville City to make this a priority. Chairman Wall asked if the Council was interested in this project and if they would like staff to look into it further.

19:24:03 Council Member Rechtenbach requested that this be looked into but be careful with large expenditures and investigate the merits that would be specific to Taylorsville. He also asked if there have been enough incidents to justify saying that this is a vital need within the City of Taylorsville.

19:25:15 Chairman Wall requested that staff look into a cost benefit analysis for the City in this regard.

19:27:59 John Inch Morgan said that he will prepare a spending plan, a source of funding and a cost analysis for Opticom within the City of Taylorsville.

4. Discussion of the Energy Sales and Use Tax – *Roger Tew, Utah League of Cities and Towns*

19:29:13 Mayor Auger introduced Roger Tew of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

19:32:21 Roger Tew then presented information on the Energy Sales/Use Tax and Municipal Telecommunications Tax (formerly the Utility Franchise Tax). He described revenue streams that are available to municipalities from this tax.

19:38:51 Mr. Tew then explained the Energy Sales and Use Tax and the Telecommunications Tax, and he explained that a City can impose one tax and not the other if they desire.

19:45:44 Further discussion was held in regards to the handout that was provided showing comparisons among differing cities in Utah.

**5. Redwood Road Transportation Improvement and Beautification Project Report –
*Donald Adams***

19:52:18 Economic Development Director Donald Adams presented a status report on the design portion of the Redwood Road Transportation improvement and beautification project. He, along with Chuck Larsen, J-U-B Engineers, Inc. and E. A. Lyman, Landscape Architects, specifically discussed the following:

- Current Progress
- Streetscape Furnishings
- Street Light Selection
- Landscaping
- 60% Design

Handouts were provided regarding the Redwood Road Beautification Project-Phase I.

Questions and comments from the Council were addressed.

6. Discussion of Optional Forms of Government – *A Group of Concerned Citizens*

20:23:05 Aimee Newton, representing a group of Taylorsville residents, led discussion on optional forms of Government for the City. She read a statement and provided a copy of her remarks to each Council Member. In summary, she said that “Over the past year, many of us have been concerned by the lack of respect shown among the elected officials. Several of us have watched as personal attacks have been made and disrespectful behavior exhibited during council meetings.” She explained that their group of citizens was originally formed because of these concerns. She said that they thought that maybe changing the form of government was the answer to the dysfunctional interpersonal interactions and that is why they began looking into it.

20:30:05 The Committee and the elected officials were in agreement that it would be detrimental to the City the form of government was changed this year.

20:32:08 Mayor Auger recommended that the committee be broadened to include a varying range of citizens within the City.

7. Discussion of the City Contracts – *Council Member Pratt*

20:35:35 Council Member Pratt called for a discussion of City contracts and lengthy discussion was held in regard to legal services.

20:38:13 Mayor Auger explained that John Brems has not increased the amount of his contract in ten years; and, since he has been with the City from incorporation, it would be nearly impossible to replace his institutional memory.

20:57:53 In summary, Council Member Morris Pratt said that he would like to know if they could take the time to summarize the contracts and know of which contracts are to be renewed or renegotiated.

8. Discussion Regarding City Boundary Issues – *Mark McGrath*

20:58:31 Community Development Director Mark McGrath referenced several boundary issues concerning Taylorsville's common boundary with the City of West Jordan. He presented a map indicating Staff recommendations for areas that should become part of Taylorsville and areas that could be made part of West Jordan. They are as follows:

- 1300 West South of Winchester (Murray/West Jordan)
- East Side of Redwood Road at Approximately 6600 South (West Jordan)
- Redwood Memorial Cemetery (West Jordan)
- Misty Hills (West Jordan)

Mr. McGrath outlined Staff's reasoning for the recommendations and outlined potential costs and benefits relating to each site.

9. Discussion Regarding Penalties for Business License Late Fees – *Mark McGrath*

21:22:32 Community Development Director Mark McGrath stated that there have been a number of situations over the past years where businesses have not paid their business license fees or late penalties in a timely fashion and have consequently been referred to the City Attorney for operating without a current business license. He cited legal costs that the City incurs during this process and explained that late fees aren't sufficient to cover all of the administrative costs and legal fees. Mr. McGrath proposed amending the City's Code of Ordinances to assess additional fees when business license issues are forwarded to the City Attorney.

21:26:06 Discussion was held and Mark McGrath said that he is looking for language that states that the business owner will be liable for any legal fees incurred by the City for non-compliance with the Business License Ordinance.

Council Member Morris Pratt recommended that the requirement be time certain.

21:27:28 Mayor Auger suggested that the ordinance be specific and state procedures and penalties that will be incurred if a business license fee is not paid.

21:29:37 City Attorney John Brems explained the current procedure for business license late fees and was asked by the Council to research this issue and report back to the Council with his recommendations.

10. Presentation of Draft General Plan Update – *Mark McGrath*

21:30:54 Community Development Director Mark McGrath presented a draft of the General Plan update. He reviewed the format of the General Plan and then requested that the Council review the draft and recommend a strategy and approval process for the General Plan. This issue will be addressed at the April 20, 2005 City Council Meeting.

11. Other Matters

21:45:26 Questions were asked of Chief Larry Marx in regards to hiring and standard practices for seniority.

12. Adjournment

21:54:44 Council Member Les Matsumura **MOVED** to adjourn the Work Session. Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Wall called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Wall-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-excused, Pratt-yes. **All City Council Members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Virginia Loader, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 03-16-05

Minutes Prepared by: Virginia Loader